the Philippines, Benjamin Mkapa of Tanzania, Fernando Cardoso of Brazil, and Carlos Menem of Argentina concerning the discussions on climate change taking place in Kyoto, Japan.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton attended the Kennedy Center Honors in the Opera House at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, which was taped for broadcast on December 26.

# December 8

The President declared a major disaster in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Super Typhoon Keith on November 2–3.

### December 9

In the morning, the President traveled to New York City.

#### **December 10**

In the evening, the President traveled from New York City to Miami, FL, arriving after midnight.

#### December 11

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving after midnight.

# Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

# **Checklist**of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

# Released December 8

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

## Released December 9

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Advance text of the President's remarks at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City

Fact sheet: U.S. Efforts To Promote Human Rights and Democracy

Announcement by the White House Millennium Council and the National Endowment for the Arts on the Millennium logo competition deadline extension

## Released December 10

Announcement of nomination for a Court of Federal Claims Judge

## Released December 11

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Transcript of a press briefing by National Economic Adviser Gene Sperling, Deputy National Security Adviser Jim Steinberg, and the Vice President's National Security Adviser Leon Fuerth on the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change

Transcript of a press briefing by Office of National Drug Control Policy Director Barry McCaffrey on the Caribbean interdiction operation

Transcript of the Vice President's remarks on the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change

# Released December 12

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

# Acts Approved by the President

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.